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Fiber Grid Project
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposal regarding Fiber Grid Project from Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the proposal has been approved and if so, the details thereof and if not, the time frame for the same?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) & (b) Government has received the proposal from Andhra Pradesh for establishing an Andhra Pradesh Fibre Grid on a collaborative model with the State taking complete ownership for the end-to-end design and execution of the project availing partial funding from Universal Service Obligation Fund(USOF) under National Optical Fibre Network (NOFN)/BharatNet project an undertaking to arrange the balance funding required. The project has been conceived in the context of various e-initiatives undertaken by the State and its vision to provide 10-15 Mbps broadband connections to 12 million homes at an affordable price. Detailed Project Report (DPR) of the project was submitted by the State Government of Andhra Pradesh in June 2015 seeking Capital Expenditure requirement of Rs.3,590 Crore from Central Government.

(c) The proposal submitted by Government of Andhra Pradesh has been examined. No final decision has, however, been taken.

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